

Fr. Joseph's Corner Kids and Love

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4- to 8-year-olds, "What does love mean?"
The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined.

- ♥ "Love is that first feeling you feel before all the bad stuff gets in the way."
- ♥ "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love."
- ♥ "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."
- ♥ "Love is when a girl puts on perfume, and a boy puts on shaving cologne, and they go out and smell each other."
- ♥ "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."
- ♥ "Love is when someone hurts you, and you get so mad. But you don't yell at them because you know it would hurt their feelings."
- ♥ "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."
- ♥ "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy, and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay."
- ♥ "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas—if you stop opening presents and listen." (This is so true!)
- ♥ "When you tell someone something bad about yourself, and you're scared they won't love you anymore. But then you get surprised because—not only do they still love you—they love you even more."
- ♥ "There are two kinds of love: Our love and God's love. But God makes both kinds of them."
- ♥ "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, and then he wears it every day."
- ♥ "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."
- ♥ "During my piano recital, I was on a stage and scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."
- ♥ "My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night!"
- ♥ "Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken."
- ♥ "Love is when mommy sees daddy smelly and sweaty, and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford."
- ♥ "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."
- ♥ "I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones."
- ♥ "I let my big sister pick on me because my mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. So, I pick on my baby sister because I love her."
- ♥ "Love cards like Valentine's cards say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying them."
- ♥ "When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down, and little stars come out of you."
- ♥ "You really shouldn't say, 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."
- ♥ "God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but He didn't. That's love!"

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto
Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyger ♦ Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Lloyd Rodgers
Pierre Jones ♦ Sammi Pedersen ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ Reba McDermott
Stella Kirker ♦ John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Karen Evans ♦ Brittany
Duncan Osgood ♦ Doni Bachand ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither ♦ Terri Hintze
Donna Bailey ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett

St. Joseph Catholic Church 150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754 July 21, 2024 † 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)*	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Spanish)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays	8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays • Fridays	12:00 p.m.

*Coffee and Donuts are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.



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Secretary ♦ Darlene Counts**

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Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND GENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1–2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on Saturdays.

Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	07/22/2024		—No Mass—	Sg 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday	07/23/2024		—No Mass—	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	07/24/2024		—No Mass—	Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	07/25/2024		—No Mass—	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Friday	07/26/2024		—No Mass—	Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	07/27/2024	5:00 p.m.	Kathy Friese (L)	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Sunday	07/28/2024	9:00 a.m.	Juvenal Robles Lopez (D)	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Sunday	07/28/2024	12:00 p.m.	Memoria Sanchez (D)	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

In this 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B, the readings guide us to contemplate God as our true shepherd. They emphasize the importance of compassionate leadership, peace, and the rest that Jesus offers to His followers.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah condemns the leaders of Israel for failing to care for their people. These leaders have scattered and harmed the flock instead of guiding and protecting them. God promises to raise up a righteous Branch from David's line—a shepherd who will truly care for His people and bring about justice and righteousness. This prophecy points forward to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who perfectly fulfills this.

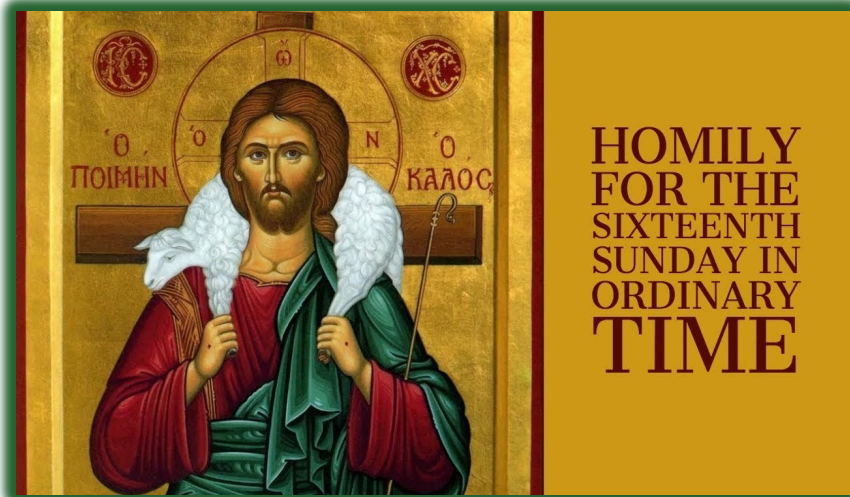
Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, speaks of the peace that Christ brings. Through His sacrifice, Jesus has reconciled us with God and with one another. He has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, making us one body. This passage emphasizes that Jesus is our peace.

In a world often marked by division and strife, Christ's reconciliation brings unity and peace to our hearts and communities.

In the Gospel, the apostles return to Jesus after their missionary work, and they are exhausted. Jesus, recognizing their need for rest, invites them to come away to a deserted place. However, when they arrive, they find a large crowd waiting for them. Moved by compassion, Jesus begins to teach the crowd, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This passage highlights Jesus' deep compassion and care for His followers—always prioritizing their spiritual and physical needs.

The readings today emphasize the importance of compassionate and righteous leadership, the peace that comes from Christ, and the rest that Jesus offers to His followers.

The image of God as our shepherd is central in today's readings. Unlike the failed leaders condemned by Jeremiah, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who truly cares for His flock. He provides for us, guides us, and lays down His life for us. We are called to trust in His care and follow His guid-



ance, knowing that He leads us to the fullness of life.

Jesus models compassionate leadership in the Gospel. Despite His and the disciples' need for rest, He is moved by compassion for the crowd. This challenges us to consider our own response to others' needs. True

leadership—whether in the family, workplace, or community—involves a heart of compassion and a willingness to serve others selflessly.

The invitation of Jesus to “Come away and rest a while” is a reminder of our need for physical and spiritual rest. In our busy lives, it's essential to take time to rest in God's presence, to be renewed and restored. This rest is not just a physical necessity but a spiritual practice that strengthens our relationship with God.

Paul's message to the Ephesians about Christ's peace and reconciliation is particularly relevant today. We live in a world where divisions are prevalent, yet Christ calls us to be peacemakers, breaking down walls of hostility and fostering unity. As followers of Christ, we are called to live out this peace in our interactions, promoting reconciliation and understanding.

Let us reflect on areas of your lives where you need to trust more in God's shepherding. Surrender your worries and allow Him to guide and provide for you.

Let us identify ways in which we can show compassionate leadership in our daily lives. Look for opportunities to serve others with a heart of compassion, following Jesus' example.

Make time for rest and spiritual renewal. Spend time in prayer, reflection, and silence, allowing Jesus to restore your soul.

Actively work toward peace and reconciliation in your relationships and in your community. Be a bridge-builder, fostering understanding and unity among people.

As we continue our journey of faith, let us embrace God as our shepherd, trust in His care, and follow His example of compassionate leadership. May we find rest in Jesus and strive to be instruments of His peace and reconciliation in the world. Amen.

July—The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

St. Mary Magdalene



On Monday, July 22nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, one of the most prominent women mentioned in the New Testament. What the Scriptures make certain about Mary Magdalene is that she was a follower of Christ—who accompanied and ministered to Him (Lk. 8:2-3). The Gospels record her as being one of the women present at Christ's crucifixion. In addition, she was the first recorded witness of the Resurrection. The Gospels all describe Mary Magdalene going to the tomb on Easter morning. When she saw that the tomb was empty, she stood outside, weeping. Jesus appeared to her and asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” (Jn. 20:15). She did not recognize Him, however. She thought He was the gardener until He said her name, “Mary!” (Jn. 20:16). Upon hearing this, Mary recognized Him. She returned to the grieving disciples to announce to them the message of the Resurrection.

On June 10, 2016, the liturgical celebration honoring St. Mary Magdalene was raised from a memorial to a feast, putting her on par with the apostles.

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Upcoming Schedule Change

Fr. Joseph will be going to India beginning on Monday, July 22nd. There will be NO weekday Masses. However, Fr. Joe Reeves will be here for all the WEEKEND Masses while Fr. Joseph is gone. Weekday Mass will resume on Monday, August 26th.

Please keep Fr. Joseph in your prayers for a safe journey.

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Diocesan Summer Events / Dates

Camp A: Saturday, July 27–Tuesday, July 30.

Camp B: Thursday, August 1–Sunday, August 4.

Both Camp A and Camp B are at Camp White Branch in McKenzie Bridge, OR, for family adventures, games, crafts, worship, men's/women's sessions, campfires, and “S'mores!” For details visit: DioceseofBaker.org.

RCIA

- † Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic?
- † Do you know a Catholic who needs Confirmation?
- † Would you like to know more about the Catholic religion?



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA classes will begin in September. Come by the Parish Office for a registration form, call Jim Friese at (541) 991-2814, or email: kkpeaches2@msn.com to register or for more information.

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Religious Education News

Parents, please start thinking about your child's education. Sacraments are not the only time your child can attend Religious Education Classes. We offer Wednesday Classes for 1st through 5th Grades, and upper-class Confirmation Classes in the evening. Holy Communion and Confirmation are each a two-year course. They both start this fall. Sign up dates will be announced in this Bulletin soon.

We are in need of a 5th Grade, Upper-Class Teacher. Please send inquires to Barb Dalton at barblikes2read@outlook.com or call (541) 410-3720.

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St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples to “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box.

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Encountering Jesus:

“A Call to Holiness, Healing, and Mission”

Come join us for a day with Dr. Mary Healy—Author, Speaker, and Catholic Biblical Scholar—on Saturday, September 2st, from 8 a.m. to 5 pm. at the St Francis Church on 27th Street in Bend.

Registration is now open. Please go to <https://www.stfrancisbend.org/mary-healy-event.html> for details and registration.